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Pharmacological modulation of Alzheimer's beta-amyloid precursor protein levels in the CSF of rats with forebrain cholinergic system lesions.

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Abnormal deposition and accumulation of Alzheimer's amyloid beta protein (A beta) and degeneration of forebrain cholinergic neuro among the principal features of Alzheimer's disease. Studies in r model systems have shown that forebrain cholinergic deficits ar accompanied by induction of cortical beta-amyloid precursor pr (beta-APP) mRNAs and increased levels of secreted beta-APP : CSF. The studies reported here determined whether the CSF lev secreted beta-APP could be altered pharmacologically. In differ experiments, rats with lesions of the forebrain cholinergic syste received injections of vehicle, a muscarinic receptor antagonist scopolamine, or one of two cholinesterase inhibitors - diisoprop phosphorofluoridate (DFP) or phenserine. Scopolamine was administered to determine whether the levels of beta-APP in th could be increased by anticholinergic agents. The cholinesteras inhibitors were administered to determine whether the forebrain cholinergic system lesion-induced increases in CSF beta-APP c reduced by cholinergic augmentation. Scopolamine administratio a significant increase in the CSF levels of secreted beta-APP in lesioned rats. Phenserine, a novel, reversible acetyl-selective cholinesterase inhibitor, significantly decreased the levels of se beta-APP in the CSF of forebrain cholinergic system-lesioned r whereas DFP, a relatively non-specific cholinesterase inhibitor, to affect CSF levels of secreted beta-APP. These results sugge the levels of secreted beta-APP in the CSF can be pharmacolog modulated but that this modulation is dependent upon the status forebrain cholinergic system and the pharmacological properties drugs used to influence it.

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